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SUBJ: TAXATION OF USG-OWNED PROPERTY

REF: STATE 106881 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE CONSUL GENERAL PRESENTED A LETTER TO THE SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVE IN SYDNEY ON MAY 15 REQUESTING RELIEF FROM MUNICIPAL TAXES LEVIED UPON THE USG-OWNED RESIDENCE OF THE CONSUL GENERAL AND INQUIRING WHETHER RELIEF COULD NOT ALSO BE GRANTED FROM THE PROPERTY TAXES PAYABLE BY US THROUGH OUR LANDLORD ON OUR LEASED OFFICE SPACE.

2. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S LETTER OF REPLY DATED MAY 30 INFORMS US THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL PAY ON OUR BEHALF 60 PERCENT OF THE "MUNICIPAL RATES" DUE ON THE CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE WHICH, BY THEIR CALCULATION, COVERS THE NONBENEFICIAL PORTION OF THESE ANNUAL RATES EACH YEAR. THE REMAINING 40 PERCENT WAS STATED TO BE PAYABLE BY US IN RETURN FOR THE RECEIPT OF BENEFICIAL SERVICES. THE LETTER STATES "THE DEPARTMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THIS LIABILITY DOES NOT DEPEND UPON
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RECIPROCITY BUT RATHER ON A STRICT APPLICATION OF OUR DECIDED POSITION ON EXEMPTION FROM RATES."

3. WITH REGARD TO OUR SECOND INQUIRY, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE IS AS FOLLOWS: "AS REGARDS YOUR ENQUIRY ABOUT LAND TAXES AND MUNICIPAL RATES ON YOUR LEASED PREMISES AT T&G TOWER, HYDE PARK SQUARE, I REGRET

THAT, BEING LEASED PREMISES, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE
TO ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ITEMS
MENTIONED. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF
ARTICLE 32 OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS."

4. COPIES OF OUR EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE ARE BEING
SUBMITTED TO EA/ANZ AND CANBERRA.
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